



Celebrating Outstanding Contributions in Conservation

2012 Outstanding Watershed District Employee of the Year

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The Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) is pleased to announce **Anna Eleria**, Water Resource Project Manager with the Capitol Region Watershed District, as the 2012 Outstanding Watershed District Employee of the Year.

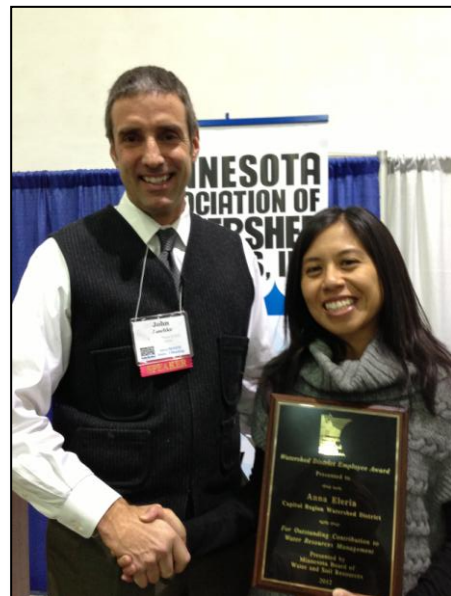
Anna is responsible for the development and implementation of watershed projects and the oversight of capital projects that address water quality issues. In 2012, she managed the Trout Brook Storm-sewer Tunnel Project, realigning 800 feet under the Cayuga 35E Bridge. The project involved numerous and complex challenges, including a 24-hour construction window, utility conflicts, and permits – all of which showcased Anna’s negotiation and management skills.

Anna also manages design support for the City of St. Paul’s Neighborhood Stabilization Project. This multi-year program will result in over 95 rain gardens on 65 properties in 2012 alone.

Anna’s role and relationship with city staff has been a key reason the watershed district was invited to participate on this collaborative project.

“Anna has excellent understanding of watershed-based water quality practices,” says Mark Doneux, Capitol Region WD Administrator. “Anna’s excellent project management skills enable her to understand complex and inter-related project issues such as technical design, financial constraints, project sequencing, and regulatory requirements. Every organization should be fortunate enough to have someone like Anna on their staff.”

BWSR presented Anna Eleria with the award at the Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts annual convention in December 2012. John Jaschke, BWSR Executive Director, commented, “We are delighted to present this award recognizing Anna’s accomplishments in water resources management.” Congratulations Anna!



*John Jaschke, BWSR Executive Director and
Anna Eleria, Capitol Region WD Project Mgr.*